

REMARKS

The Applicant has amended the claim to include a limitation to pericardial access of the surface of the heart. This additional limitation addresses the epicardial ablation references cited by the Examiner. The Applicant agrees that the Kuo reference teaches endocardial ablation with a device that is affixed to the wall and then conforms to the chamber geometry to provide both mapping and high frequency ablation. However, this device is disclosed in the context of the endocardial surface of the heart and is unworkable in an exterior application proposed by the Applicant. In a similar fashion the external ablation device discussed in the previous rejection lacks both the form and functionality to provide the single linear lesion now called for by the claims. It is the intent of the Applicant to expressly exclude devices with a complimentary electrode clamping action such as that taught by Bertolaro and Applicant submits that the claim language does not read on "one half" of the Bertolaro device.

CONCLUSION

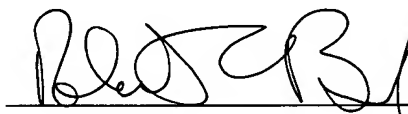
All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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